

# **Veterans Trust Fund Bill House File 2297**

Last Action:

**House Veterans  
Affairs Committee**

February 9, 2012

**An Act making a transfer to the Veterans Trust Fund and including effective date provisions.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
Legislative Services Agency**

## **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**FUNDING SUMMARY**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:** At the end of FY 2012, the Veterans Trust Fund will have an estimated balance of \$17.0 million. The estimated amount to be transferred from the General Fund surplus to the Fund is \$33.0 million. Under current law, the \$33.0 million would be transferred back to the General Fund.

1 1 Section 1. TRANSFER TO VETERANS TRUST FUND. At the  
1 2 close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, following  
1 3 the appropriations made to the cash reserve fund pursuant  
1 4 to section 8.57, subsections 1 and 3, and the Iowa economic  
1 5 emergency fund pursuant to section 8.57, subsection 4, and  
1 6 following any transfer made from the Iowa economic emergency  
1 7 fund to the taxpayers trust fund pursuant to section 8.55,  
1 8 subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1), from the excess  
1 9 moneys that remain, an amount sufficient for the balance of  
1 10 the veterans trust fund created in section 35A.13 to reach  
1 11 fifty million dollars, up to the amount of excess moneys that  
1 12 remains, shall be transferred to the veterans trust fund,  
1 13 and any remaining excess shall be transferred to the general  
1 14 fund of the state as provided in section 8.55, subsection 2,  
1 15 paragraph "a", subparagraph (2).

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DETAIL: At the end of FY 2012, the Veterans Trust Fund will have an estimated balance of \$17,000,000. The estimated amount to be transferred from the General Fund surplus to the Fund is \$33,000,000. Under current law, the \$33,000,000 would be transferred back to the General Fund.

The Veterans Trust Fund currently receives the majority of its funding through special lottery pull tab and instant scratch games. The lottery proceeds generate approximately \$3,000,000 annually to the Fund. Code section 99G.9A requires these lottery proceeds to be distributed to the county directors of veterans affairs once the Veterans Trust Fund reaches \$50,000,000.

1 16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of  
1 17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

This Bill is effective on enactment.